

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,**

Vermont firmly believes afterschool professionals (those who work with children and youth in a wide variety of program settings to provide extended learning opportunities afterschool, over the summer, and during non-school days) have a positive effect on our children, youth, families, communities, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,**

afterschool professionals are essential in helping young people build high-quality relationships and expanded opportunities beyond what they have access to at school and home, which they need to reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS,**

afterschool professionals support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms; build stronger communities by involving youth, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

**WHEREAS,**

afterschool professionals deserve appreciation and support for all they do to increase social-emotional skills, school attendance, and academic performance for young people; and

**WHEREAS,**

Vermont is committed to supporting the professionals who provide expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap; prepare young people to be productive citizens; empower them to be active, engaged, connected, and heard; and are the heart of afterschool.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 24-28, 2023 as

**AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS  
APPRECIATION WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2023.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip B. Scott". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs